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Dear Friends,

The Maryland Congressional delegation is united in its support of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) recommendations that call for moving more than 9,000 new jobs to Maryland. The recommendations are based on strategic considerations that will help our nation fight a more effective global War on Terrorism.

The July bombings in London highlight the need to put our resources into improving our intelligence so that we can stop terrorism before it strikes. The recommendations are aimed at saving billions of dollars and better positioning our resources to fight the emerging threats of the 21st Century.

Among a number of important strategic installations, Maryland is home to the National Security Agency (NSA) at Ft. Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Harford County. These two facilities are playing an increasingly important role in the gathering of intelligence and in weapons development and testing.

One BRAC recommendation that concerns me is the decision to move eight C-130J National Guard planes from Martin State Airport in Baltimore County to California and Rhode Island. The C-130Js have the capacity to move large amounts of personnel and equipment quickly, and I believe our region needs this type of capability, particularly in light of our close proximity to Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
Member of Congress



CARDIN TELLS COMMUNITY LEADERS THAT MARYLAND IS READY FOR INFLUX OF BRAC JOBS

At a press conference at Aberdeen Proving Ground with U.S. Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (MD-2), Rep. Cardin tells Harford and Cecil County leaders that the BRAC recommendations to relocate military and intelligence jobs to Maryland is the "right move for Maryland and the right move for the nation." The recommendations call for relocating more than 9,000 new jobs to Maryland, many in the national security and intelligence fields.

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Previous Survey Question Results

Should Congress create an independent commission to investigate allegations of abuse at U.S. detention facilities?

Answer	Percent
Yes	54.03%
No	45.97%
Total	100%

New Survey Question

Should Congress change the federal funding formula for anti-terrorism grants to focus more on intelligence, risk assessment and consequences of an attack?

Yes

No

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